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Remarks

Claims 14-33 were pending in the subject application. In the Office Action of September 15, 2003, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement in this matter. By this Amendment, Applicants request cancellation of claims 14-33 and addition of new claims 34-49. The undersigned avers that no new matter is introduced by this amendment and support for the newly presented claims can be found, for example, at page 36, lines 16-31, pages 48-58 (relating to polypeptide fragments of the subject invention), pages 213-218 and Table I (page 380) of the subject application and the originally presented claims (e.g., claim 2). Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 34-49 are currently before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the pending claims in view of this response and in view of the remarks set forth herein, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments to the claims, the applicants believe that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

Respectfully submitted,



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